

# ***PROPRIETARY FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***



**Old Corner Bookstore Building**

This little brick building sits at the corner of School and Washington Streets. The original building was destroyed by the Great Fire of 1711, and was replaced by the current gambrel-roofed structure built in 1718 by Dr. Thomas Crease. It served as his office as well as his residence and was Boston's first apothecary shop. The transition from medicine shop to marketplace for ideas began in 1820s when the house was leased to Timothy Harrington Carter, a bookseller.

The Old Corner Bookstore was a flourishing literary center. Nine similar companies followed the first bookseller's business, Carter & Hendlee, over a 75-year period, the most famous being Ticknor & Fields.

The building was purchased in 1829 by William Ticknor, who established the firm Ticknor and Fields. From 1833 to 1864, the firm of Ticknor and Fields was the leading publisher in the United States. Its list of authors included Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Henry David Thoreau. The writers would often gather there along with traveling authors like Charles Dickens.